

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/14/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19 and 24-28.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 01 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael Robbins on 8/18/05.

The application has been amended as follows: **Replace claim 16 with the following. Revise claims 4 and 13 as follows.**

16. A dielectric insert assembly to provide a hermetic seal in a coaxial connector, comprising:
a substantially cylindrical sleeve having a first inner diameter, the substantially cylindrical sleeve adapted to be arranged within a conductive insert such that the dielectric insert assembly and the conductive insert form an electrical feed-through connection;
a dielectric ~~[[insert]]~~ portion ~~[[formed]]~~ disposed within the substantially cylindrical sleeve ~~[[, the dielectric insert having a first end and a second end]];~~
wherein a distal end of the dielectric portion is substantially aligned with a distal end of the substantially cylindrical sleeve;
a center conductor pin extending through the dielectric ~~[[insert]]~~ portion; and
a compensation gap extending into the ~~[[second]]~~ distal end of the dielectric ~~[[insert]]~~ portion, the compensation gap having a second diameter smaller than the first inner diameter;
wherein the dielectric portion is one of a glass, a ceramic, and a plastic.
~~[[wherein a portion of the center conductor pin extends through the compensation gap.]]~~

Regarding claims 4 and 13 in line 2 of each claim delete “Kovar” and replace with – an iron-nickel-cobalt alloy --.

2. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: The reasons for allowance of claims 1-15 were given in the first office action. The combination in claim 16 specifically the molded dielectric insert with a compensation gap having a smaller diameter than the insert and a pin extending through the gap. The combination of claim 26 specifically the physical juxtaposition of the choke, pin and gap. The combination of claim 27 specifically the microrstrip. The combination of claim 28 specifically the microstrip and choke.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Bacher teaches a gap with a smaller diameter than a dielectric diameter but no mention of a compensation gap, the dielectric materials or hermetic seal. Coccioli et al teaches a pin and glass bead but not the structure of

the sleeves and insert. Duquerroy et al and Rudisill et al teach a pin and sleeve but no compensation gap.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael C. Zarroli whose telephone number is 571-272-2101. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 to 3:30 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, T.C. Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 39. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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